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RIISING FROM ITS RUINS.

The whole of the war-torn area centering around Ypres, Belgium, is rapidly regaining its pre-war aspect, thanks to the industry and perseverance of the hardy Belgians, so courageously carrying on the work of bringing their beloved land out of chaos.

Those who have not visited the country in three years are amazed at the change that has been wrought in and about the following places: Courtrai, Menin, Colmes, Hill 60, Ypres, Poperinghe, Kemmel, Zonnebeke, Moorslede, Roulers, Staden, Dixmude, Furnes, Nelpert and Ostend.

A few years ago one could drive hour after hour through a wilderness of shell holes and rank gas from a village which had entirely been blotted off the face of the earth to a town of which the few walls left standing averaged perhaps three feet in height, and one had found the pioneers of the returning population living miserably in Nissen huts and squalid shanties.

Today the shell holes are the exception; they have been filled in with the spade and plowed over with motor cultivators, and where there used to be the foul and rugged wilderness are now clean and level fields. At the time of the armistice there were 200,000 acres of land which had been laid waste; now there is not one-twentieth of this area not under cultivation. The crops have been as good as, or better than ever. Generally speaking, and apart from the absence of any living or unripped tree, there is virtually nothing about the landscape to suggest that it has ever been devastated at all. A few tanks remain stranded where they were; one passes little dumps of wire and shells and an abundance of concrete pill boxes sinking lop-sidedly in the mud.

But until noon, when the daily destruction of ammunition begins, and the boom of muffled explosions comes from afar, it would be easy, throughout most of the battle area, to forget altogether the dreadful years which filled the air with tumult and drenched the very soil beneath human feet with blood.

A new feature of the landscape since two years ago is the springing up of farms. One sees them everywhere with their bright red house roofs and spacious barns. Some of them are a great improvement on the old buildings. But it is, for the most part, only in the case of the farms that the people have taken advantage of the rebuilding to bring their houses up to date. As a rule, they have simply put them back exactly as they were before.

RAINBOW'S END.

What an amiably confiding species is the human race, especially in matters of finance. Gold bricks glow and fade, perpetual motion engines perpetually cease to move; the long files of easy dollars glide peacefully down hill from the bank accounts of the trustful to the pockets of the ingenious, and still adheres in the breast of mankind the ineradicable expectation that fortune waits just around the turn. Consider, for example, the ease with which a genius with a new electric light device has been selling his stock to the eager public. The light is alleged to be self-contained, self-sufficient, self-supporting and capable of burning for three years alone in its little bulb without expense, wires or other extraneous aid, and to be salable at small cost. No inventor has yet beheld the marvel; the enterprise is still in the "preparatory" stage here. But the inventor asserts that he once made one in far-off South America which was shattered by a lightning bolt, presumably hurled by envious Jove, or perhaps conjured by the alarm electric light interests. On this basis he and his company have been selling par \$10 shares of stock as high as \$50. Not too high a rate, perhaps, for the kind of education in store for the purchasers, and if nobody believed fairy tales, what a dreary world this would be!—Leslie's Weekly.

CARD OF THANKS

Since it will be impossible for me to see and thank each of my friends and supporters personally, I take this method of informing all that I am profoundly grateful for their confidence and trust. I am keenly sensible of the obligation I am due in return, and shall strive to serve you better, if that is possible. I thank you.

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SOUTHWESTERN DIVISION LOOKS AFTER SOLDIERS

Red Cross Workers in That Section Assist, Care For and Entertain Men in Camps and Hospitals.

Approximately 30,000 able-bodied soldiers and more than 5,000 invalided soldiers and ex-service men in the hospitals in the United States have been assisted in obtaining compensation and in the solution of their other problems by the American Red Cross, according to E. S. Transue, director of war service of the Southwestern Division of the American Red Cross.

"Red Cross workers in the camps and hospitals in the Southwestern Division are rendering much-needed service to the men who are in the army at the present time," said Transue. "Those service men undergoing hospital treatment for one cause or another and ex-service men who have been hospitalized both in the army hospitals and hospitals operated by the Veterans' Bureau, are some of the men in need of this service.

"The army camps and hospitals in this division covered by Red Cross workers are located at Jefferson Barracks, St. Louis, Mo.; Camp Travis, Tex., including Ft. Sam Houston Hospital; Ft. Bliss, Tex., including Wm. A. Beaumont General Hospital; Ft. Leavenworth, Kan., including the U. S. Disciplinary barracks at that point; Ft. Riley, Kan.; Ft. Sill, Okla.; Fitzsimons General Hospital, Fitzsimons, Colo.; Camp Furlong, New Mex.; Camp Harry J. Jones, Douglas, Ariz., and the Army and Navy General Hospital at Hot Springs, Ark.

"The Veterans' Bureau hospitals served by the Southwestern Division of the Red Cross are: U. S. Veterans' Hospital No. 35, St. Louis, Mo.; Veterans' Hospital No. 25, Logan, Tex.; U. S. Veterans' Hospital No. 55, Ft. Bayard, N. Mex.; U. S. Veterans' Hospital No. 67, Kansas City, Mo.; U. S. Veterans' Hospital No. 78, N. Little Rock, Ark., and U. S. Veterans' Hospital No. 80, Fort Lyon, Colo.

"Of the 5,000 patients, approximately 75 per cent are undergoing treatment for tuberculosis and mental diseases. This makes the work one of considerable difficulty, inasmuch as it is oftentimes a real problem to provide proper recreation or to connect the man's present condition with his service.

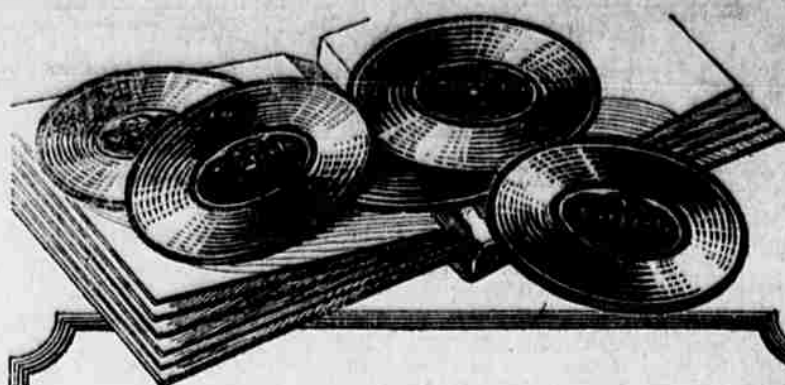
"There are three phases of the Red Cross program for service and ex-service men in the camps and hospitals—Home Service, Recreation and Medical Social Service. Our regular camp service program consists of what is known as home service work. This calls for co-operation between the Red Cross worker in the camp and governmental and chapter agencies in taking care of problems of the enlisted man in the army. Difficulties relating to allotments, allowances, insurance, compensation, state bonus, travel pay, etc., are all brought to the Red Cross by the enlisted man. The Red Cross also contacts the families through the chapters in case of distress, sickness or death.

"The recreational and entertainment program in the hospital brings movies for the boys; amateur theatricals, dances, parties and those many other things that the sick man longs for, but which he could not have were it not for the Red Cross.

"The Red Cross medical and social service program calls for a study of the individual needs of the man, to help him in solving his personal and family difficulties, to aid him by material assistance when he is without resources, to aid the doctor in his treatment of the patient by obtaining former medical or social histories which may lead to an accurate diagnosis and to interpret the whole situation to the Red Cross Chapter home service worker in the man's home community, so that not only will the proper attention be given to the family during the man's absence, but he may be free in mind and thus derive a maximum amount of benefit from his treatment.

"In carrying out our work for the ex-service man undergoing hospitalization the Red Cross has constantly borne in mind that the great object has been to play the right part in the period of adjustment through which the ex-service man must safely pass if he is to continue to be a good citizen. This work has required personnel who are not only sympathetic in the dealing with patients but who must have an understanding of the social problems of civil life.

"Just as it has always been recognized that the time spent in a government hospital is only a brief episode in the life of a patient, so has it been recognized that the activities of the hospital worker are only a part of the responsibility of the Red Cross to the ex-service man; that the hospital work can be successful only as it correlates itself closely with the work of the Red Cross as a whole. The hospital worker is the outpost detailed to special duty. It is his endeavor to interpret the present condition of the man in the hospital to the home people and as each of us, as individuals, watched the men who marched away to service, as each one of us helped to "keep the home fires burning" while the boys served in the front line trenches, so does it become our duty today to render a very definite service to these men, who are still fighting the great battle of humanity, begun in 1917, and in which to date no armistice has been declared. Through the Red Cross you are helping them to hold the line."



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LOYAL WORKERS.

The Loyal Workers Sunday school class of the Methodist church met at the home of Mrs. A. B. Culbertson Monday evening. The meeting was for the purpose of electing new officers and making plans for the welfare of the class for the coming year. The following officers were elected: Bill Culbertson, president; Earl Hudgens, vicepresident; Mayme Hearn, secretary, and Eva Gardner, treasurer.

The class will meet the first Monday evening of December at the home of Miss Farie Gettings.

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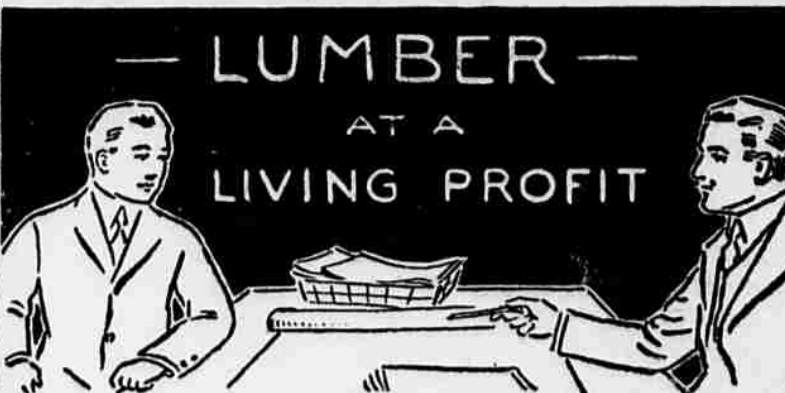
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